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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A method has claimed in claim 1 wherein the mammal

has experienced an adverse postnatal environment comprising a hypocaloric or hypercaloric diet.

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